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Arizona Cotton Acreage Intentions Decrease

Cotton acreage in Arizona is expected to total 161,000 acres, compared to 203,000 acres last year. Growers of upland cotton intend to plant 160,000 acres, a decrease of 40,000 acres from last season, and producers of American-Pima have indicated that they will plant 1,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from last season.

United States Cotton Acreage Expected To Decrease 19 Percent

For United States, growers intend to plant 10.0 million acres in 2013, down 19 percent from last year. Upland area is expected to total 9.82 million acres, down 19 percent from 2012. American Pima area is expected to total 206,000 acres, down 14 percent from 2012. If realized, planted area in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, and Oklahoma will all be record lows.

As of March 24, cotton planting in Texas was 3 percent complete, 5 percentage points behind last year and 2 percentage points behind the 5-year average.

Cotton: Area Planted By Type, State, and United States, 2011-2013

Type and State	Area Planted			
	2011	2012	Indicated 2013 1/	2013 as % of 2012
	1,000 Acres			Percent
Upland				
AL	460.0	380.0	360.0	95
AZ	**250.0**	**200.0**	**160.0**	**80**
AR	680.0	595.0	270.0	45
CA	182.0	142.0	90.0	63
FL	122.0	108.0	115.0	106
GA	1,600.0	1,290.0	1,300.0	101
KS	80.0	56.0	40.0	71
LA	295.0	230.0	170.0	74
MS	630.0	475.0	270.0	57
MO	375.0	350.0	270.0	77
NM	70.0	46.0	30.0	65
NC	805.0	585.0	450.0	77
OK	415.0	305.0	160.0	52
SC	303.0	299.0	290.0	97
TN	495.0	380.0	280.0	74
TX	7,550.0	6,550.0	5,500.0	84
VA	116.0	86.0	65.0	76
US	14,428.0	12,077.0	9,820.0	81
American-Pima				
AZ	**10.0**	**3.0**	**1.0**	**33**
CA	274.0	225.0	190.0	84
NM	3.4	2.4	4.0	167
TX	20.0	8.0	11.0	138
US	307.4	238.4	206.0	86
All				
US	14,735.4	12,315.4	10,026.0	81

1/ Intended plantings in 2013 as indicated by reports from farmers.

U.S. Barley Intentions Down Slightly From Last Year
Corn Intentions Up Slightly From Last Year

Producers intend to seed 3.63 million acres of barley for the 2013 crop year, down slightly from the previous year. If realized, this will be the fifth smallest seeded area on record. Record low acreage is expected in Michigan.

Growers intend to plant 97.3 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2013, up slightly from last year and 6 percent higher than in 2011. Expected returns for corn are again historically high going into 2013. If realized, this will represent the highest planted acreage in the United States since 1936 when an estimated 102 million acres were planted. Record high corn acreage is expected in Arizona, Idaho, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota, and Oregon. Conversely, most States in the Corn Belt, which experienced severe drought in 2012, expect slightly less planted acreage.

Arizona acreage seeded to barley totals 70,000 acres, up 22,000 from last year. Field corn acreage for all purposes is expected to total 85,000 acres, up 10,000 from 2012.

Area Planted, Selected States and U.S., 2011-2013

Crop and State	2011	2012	Indicated 2013 1/	2013 as % of 2012
		1,000 Acres		Percent
Barley 2/				
AZ	**65**	**48**	**70**	**146**
CA	100	120	90	75
CO	66	58	60	103
ID	520	610	620	102
MN	70	115	90	78
MT	700	900	1,000	111
ND	400	1,060	950	90
OR	38	56	60	107
SD	25	34	30	88
UT	35	44	40	91
WA	125	185	185	100
WY	75	75	75	100
US	2,559	3,637	3,634	100
Corn				
AZ	**60**	**75**	**85**	**113**
CA	630	610	560	92
CO	1,500	1,420	1,250	88
ID	350	360	380	106
IL	12,600	12,800	12,200	95
IN	5,900	6,250	6,100	98
IA	14,100	14,200	14,200	100
KS	4,900	4,700	4,600	98
MI	2,500	2,650	2,600	98
MN	8,100	8,750	9,000	103
MO	3,300	3,600	3,400	94
NE	9,850	10,000	9,900	99
NM	130	125	130	104
ND	2,230	3,600	4,100	114
OH	3,400	3,900	3,950	101
SD	5,200	6,150	5,900	96
TX	2,050	1,850	2,100	114
WA	195	185	190	103
WI	4,150	4,350	4,350	100
US	91,936	97,155	97,282	100

1/ Intended plantings in 2013 as indicated by reports from farmers.
2/ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

U.S. All Hay Intentions Up Slightly From 2012

Hay producers intend to harvest 56.4 million acres of all hay in 2013, up slightly from 2012. Hay acreage is expected to decline from last year across most of the eastern States, Southwest, and Great Lakes region. Record low acreage is expected across several New England States, as well as Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. In contrast, Arkansas is expecting record high acreage in 2013.

For **Arizona**, hay is expected to be harvested from 290,000 acres, 2 percent below last year. This acreage includes both alfalfa and other types of hay.

Area Harvested, Selected States and U.S., 2011-2013

State	2011	2012	Indicated 2013 1/	2013 as % of 2012
		1,000 Acres		Percent
All Hay				
AZ	**285**	**295**	**290**	**98**
AR	1,400	1,450	1,490	103
CA	1,410	1,550	1,450	94
CO	1,620	1,460	1,410	97
ID	1,350	1,340	1,330	99
IL	540	580	600	103
IN	670	630	630	100
IA	1,140	1,140	1,100	96
KS	2,400	2,750	2,750	100
MI	1,000	970	960	99
MN	1,830	1,750	1,720	98
MO	3,750	3,660	3,800	104
MT	2,700	2,200	2,700	123
NE	2,480	2,570	2,700	105
NV	450	415	415	100
NM	280	285	305	107
ND	2,480	2,190	2,400	110
OK	2,500	3,190	3,000	94
OR	1,030	1,000	1,000	100
SD	3,550	3,100	3,100	100
TX	3,700	5,100	5,200	102
UT	760	660	650	98
WA	780	780	840	108
WI	1,600	1,450	1,380	95
WY	1,120	875	1,000	114
US	55,653	56,260	56,419	100

1/ Intended area harvested in 2013 as indicated by reports from farmers.

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Arizona Durum Wheat Seedings Down

Arizona's Durum wheat seedings are estimated at 65,000 acres, down 40,000 acres from 2012. Seedings of wheat other than Durum totaled 11,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from last year.

Wheat: Area Planted by State and U. S., 2011-2013 1/

Crop and State	2011	2012	Indicated 2013 2/	2013 as % of 2012
	1,000 Acres			Percent
Durum Wheat				
AZ	**80**	**105**	**65**	**62**
CA	120	140	90	64
ID	11	13	8	62
MT	400	520	480	92
ND	750	1,340	1,100	82
SD	8	5	8	160
US	1,369	2,123	1,751	82
Winter Wheat				
AZ 3/	**7**	**10**	**11**	**110**
AR	620	550	710	129
CA	670	610	610	100
CO	2,300	2,350	2,200	94
ID	820	780	780	100
IL	800	660	830	126
IN	430	350	470	134
KS	8,800	9,500	9,300	98
MI	700	570	590	104
MN	30	40	50	125
MO	790	790	1,100	139
MT	2,250	2,300	2,100	91
NE	1,520	1,380	1,450	105
NV	15	20	20	100
NM	435	450	420	93
ND	400	750	350	47
OH	880	500	630	126
OK	5,100	5,400	5,400	100
OR	830	790	800	101
SD	1,650	1,320	1,250	95
TX	5,300	5,700	5,700	100
UT	130	140	145	104
WA	1,760	1,700	1,740	102
WY	150	150	145	97
US	40,646	41,324	41,988	102

1/ Includes area planted in preceding fall in AZ and CA.
2/ Intended planting for 2013 as indicated by reports from farmers.
3/ Wheat other than Durum.

Orange Production Down 1 Percent from March

The United States all orange forecast for the 2012-2013 season is 8.60 million tons, down 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 4 percent from the revised 2011-2012 final utilization. The Florida all orange forecast, at 138 million boxes (6.21 million tons), is down 1 percent from the March forecast and down 6 percent from last season's revised final utilization. Early, midseason, and Navel varieties in Florida are forecast at 67.0 million boxes (3.02 million tons), unchanged from the March forecast but down 10 percent from last season. The Florida Valencia orange forecast, at 71.0 million boxes (3.20 million tons), is down 1 percent from the March forecast and down 2 percent from last season's revised final utilization. Drought conditions persisted in Florida during March.

The California all orange forecast is 58.0 million boxes (2.32 million tons), down 2 percent from the previous forecast and down 1 percent from last season's revised final utilization. The California Navel orange forecast is 45.5 million boxes (1.82 million tons), down 2 percent from the previous forecast but unchanged from last season. The California Valencia orange forecast is 12.5 million boxes (500,000 tons), unchanged from the previous forecast but down 4 percent from last season's revised final utilization. Harvest of Navel oranges continued during March, while Valencia orange harvest began. The Texas all orange forecast, at 1.56 million boxes (67,000 tons), is up 3 percent from the previous forecast and up 10 percent from last season's final utilization.

Spring Potatoes: Area Planted And Harvested, Yield, And Production 2012-2013

State	Area			Yield 4/	Production
	Planted		Harvested		
	2012	2013 1/	2012	2012	2012
	1,000 Acres			Cwt	1,000 Cwt
AZ	**4.0**	**4.0**	**3.7**	**225**	**833**
CA	29.5	25.0	37.8	421	15,912
FL	37.0	30.9	36.6	244	8,917
Hastings 2/	23.5	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other FL 2/	13.5	NA	NA	NA	NA
NC	16.5	15.0	16.0	200	3,200
TX 3/	9.8	NA	20.1	372	7,478
US	96.8	74.9	1,132.7	412	467,126

1/ Intended plantings in 2013 as indicated by reports from farmers.
2/ Estimated discontinued in 2013.
3/ Beginning in 2013, Spring estimates included in Summer total for Texas.
4/ Derived.

March Farm Prices Received Index Up 3 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 202 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 3 points (1.5 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 5 points (2.1 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (1.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, broilers, corn, and eggs and lower prices for hogs, milk, wheat, and onions. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly movement of strawberries, corn, broilers, and milk offset the decreased marketing of cattle, soybeans, cotton, and hay.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 18 points (9.8 percent) from March 2012. The Food Commodities Index, at 185, increased 2 points (1.1 percent) from last month and is 13 points (7.6 percent) higher than March 2012.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The March Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 221 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is unchanged from February but 8 points (3.8 percent) above March 2012. Higher prices in March for nitrogen, feed grains, mixed fertilizer, and supplements offset lower prices for feeder cattle, feeder pigs, potash & phosphate, and diesel.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2012 February	2013 January	2013 February
Prices Received	184	199	202
Prices Paid	213	221	221
Ratio 1/	86	90	91

1/ Ratio of index prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, March 2012 and 2013 and February 2013

Commodity	Unit	March-12 Entire Month	Feb-13 Entire Month	March-13 Mid-Month
Arizona				
Upland Cotton	$ Lb	**1/**	**0.718**	**1/**
Cottonseed 2/	$ Ton	**1/**	**1/**	**1/**
Durum Wheat	$ Bu	**1/**	**1/**	**1/**
Alfalfa Hay 3/	$ Ton	**260.00**	**200.00**	**220.00**
All Milk 5/	$ Cwt	**16.50**	**18.60**	**18.40**
United States				
Upland Cotton	$ Lb	0.900	0.753	0.746
Cottonseed 2/	$ Ton	1/	217.00	1/
Durum Wheat	$ Bu	8.39	8.19	8.05
Alfalfa Hay 3/	$ Ton	200.00	218.00	219.00
Lemons 4/	$ Box	35.00	29.30	28.70
Cows 6/	$ Cwt	84.20	80.80	82.90
Steers & Heifers	$ Cwt	132.00	127.00	128.00
Beef Cattle 7/	$ Cwt	128.00	123.00	125.00
Calves	$ Cwt	184.00	167.00	163.00
All Milk 5/	$ Cwt	17.20	19.50	19.10

1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.

2/ Marketing year August – February.

3/ Mid-month.

4/ F.O.B. packed fresh box weights: Lemons – 80 lbs.

5/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies

6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

7/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

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